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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all who took the time to respond to the membership Questioner that was mailed out with the last newsletter. For those of you who don't know what I'm talking about, there was damage in the mailing, and some were returned without ever reaching their intended recipient. I will be happy to send you yours if you did not receive one, as this is the basis of this year's revived membership participation.

In addition to the above mentioned responses, I have also compiled a map of San Diego county and marked your approximate location judging from your mailing address. This is in an effort to better meet the needs of those who would be able to attend the monthly meeting at a more convenient location.

Exactly half the respondents reside north of Miramar Road spread out over the largest area. The remaining members are in a core concentration centering around the Lemon Grove/La Mesa area.

In order of the questions asked, all who responded were open to late break-

ing tour information, with no objections.

Weekend tours are not the only times you are available for a response of one to one giving rise to the prospects of weekday jaunts to the back country.

An overwhelming response to visiting institutions to see patients, children and others, is confirmed by a vote of two to one.

Fifteen out of seventeen had no objection to others riding in their Packard.

Most were unclear as to the issue of insurance with two members stating there was no problem.

By a margin of more than two to one, members were in favor of parades, street fairs and displays.

Only one person objected to having their car photographed.

Putting your car on a list of film industry, advertisers, show coordinators, etc., for financial compensation was split ten to ten, with many no responses.

Packard International involvement with other fund raising organizations was a positive three

to one.

Half the club decided that they would be the only driver of their Packard.

Half the respondents intended on owning other valuable motor cars in the future.

Half those responded to the issue of adding another meeting to the South Bay was positive, and the San Diego Automotive museum came in at a resounding three to one choice.

The price range for outings varied from five dollars to "any price is it's worth it" while the average was from \$20.00 to \$30.00.

Suggestions keep coming in and are keeping the Vice President busy with the developing tour schedule for the rest of the year. Thanks again for your responses and be assured that they are going to be used confidentially to improve your club activities and Packarding!

Sincerely,

Rath Webster

**PACKARDS
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Special points of interest:

- *The Packard Motor Club Foundation*
- *Miniaturizing the Packard Lebaron*
- *Packard's and Parts for Sale*
- *Recap of the Big Three Swap Meet in February*
- *Upcoming Tours*

THE PACKARD MOTOR CAR FOUNDATION

One very important and timely current project involves the preservation of a portion of The Packard Proving Grounds at Utica, Michigan. We are now in negotiations with the Ford Motor Company to save the architecturally important, Albert Kahn designed Lodge buildings, Garages, Timing Tower and Grand Entrance gates as "The Packard Proving Grounds Historical Site". This exciting new development gives us hope that we can achieve this long time goal of the Foundation and Packard enthusiasts everywhere. Please consider a substantial donation at this time to help us save these properties which will need considerable upgrading, restora-

tion and maintenance in the future.

If successful, we want this property to be a showplace for Packard events, meetings, a museum and other options are under consideration.

Be one who is remembered for doing something at this critical time. Once the wrecking ball swings, tomorrow is gone unless we act today!

Consider becoming a "Friend of the Foundations" Now.

Enclosed is a application to join.



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MINIATURIZING THE PACKARD LEBARONS

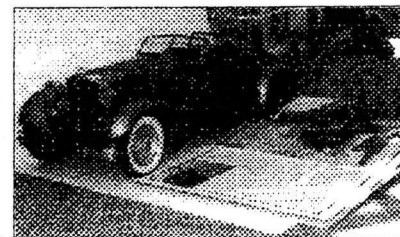
Automotive miniature collectors will recognize the name Motor City USA as maker of the world's premier 1:43 scale automobile models. Motor City white-metal miniatures are absolutely astonishing in both accuracy and proportion. They are expensive, usually in the \$150 - \$200 range-but well worth the investment, especially is you long for the real (and unreachable) thing. When one considers a fully restored 1948 Chrysler Town & Country Convertible which can cost \$75,000 or more, Motor City's price is a downright bargain.

Gene Parrill of Costa Mesa, CA is a former partner in Motor City. He has now struck out on his own, and his first project is an ambitious one: a three-model edition of the 1934 Packard LeBaron cars. Initially, Gene plans to offer 100 LeBaron Speedsters, which will include 50 of the Clark Gable car, 50 LeBaron Dual Cowl Phaetons and 25 models of the LeBaron Sport Coupe. As far as possible, each LeBaron in the series will be detailed and finished per the original.

*"Packard's most famous
series of coach built Classics
comes under a model's
expert's careful guidance"*

The issue is not intended to compete with the other Packard LeBaron miniatures now on the market, such as the excellent offering from Danbury Mint. Parrill's project is an entirely different kind of undertaking, with the magnified scale (1:12) that makes a breathtaking level of detail possible. (As a reference point, the 1:12 scale phaeton will be about 19 inches long.)

These models will reflect the level of skill, proportion and accuracy established by Parrill's work while affiliated with Motor City, and will be priced according. The preliminary projected price of each LeBaron model is \$1,800 with a special package offering of around \$5,000 for all three. Models will be well-researched and serial numbered. A suitable protective display



Design buck for the 1:12 Packard LeBaron Dual-Cowl Phaeton under development by Gene Parrill of Costa Mesa, CA.

case will be available.

Projects from the heart such as this live or die on feedback and input from other collectors. Expression of interest should be directed to Gene Parrill, 2857 Boa Vista Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

Phone: (714)641-1339 and Fax (714) 641-1023.

UPCOMING TOURS

April 2000 tour is scheduled for March Air Force Base. More information will be made available to the club as soon as we receive it from the Tour Master.

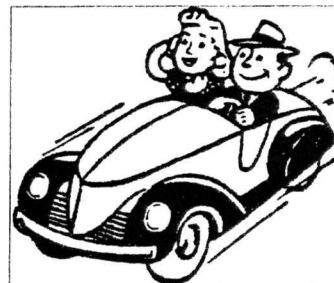
Our tour for **May 2000** will be the 35th Annual Fallbrook Vintage Car Show and Swap Meet to be held on Sunday, May 28th. This event will be held at the Fallbrook High School on Stagecoach Lane. The show is open to all cars and motorcycles through 1974. All vehicles must be driven onto the field and stay on the field between 11:30 am and 3:00 p.m. for judging. Vehicles must be present at 3:00 p.m. to receive trophies. This event is limited to 350 cars, so register **EARLY**. Show entry

is \$20.00 per car. Packard's San Diego Region will provide hotdogs, hamburgers and soda. **So bring your car, your chair and a dish to share.**

The swap meet opens at 6:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Our **June** tour brings us to Temecula for the 30th Annual CHVA Father's Day Car Show on June 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This show will be on the grass at the Cal Oaks Sports Park in Murrieta. All Pre 1975 Collector cars, trucks, rods and motorcycles are welcomed. Mark your calendars now.

See you there.



We're heading to Fallbrook for the Swap Meet and Potluck

PACKARDS AND PARTS FOR SALE

1937 Business Coupe 115

Over \$27,000 is work done to this beautiful car. Won "President's Award" in Fallbrook in 1999 and took 2nd Place at Deer Springs Park in 1999. Call Jim at 760-599-0717



1949 Custom Deluxe 4 door sedan - restoration or parts - \$1,000 or best offer - call 619-644-8100 ext. 346

WANTED:

1940 Packard hubcap 120

Contact: Harry Trout 619-442-7898

Harry also has a 1940 120 Coupe for sale.

1949 Packard Deluxe 8

All Original, beautiful inside & out. 288 cu., straight 8, 3-speed w/over drive, new wide white walls, black paint, rear bumper re-chromed, drive anywhere. \$6,500.00. Call Don 760-



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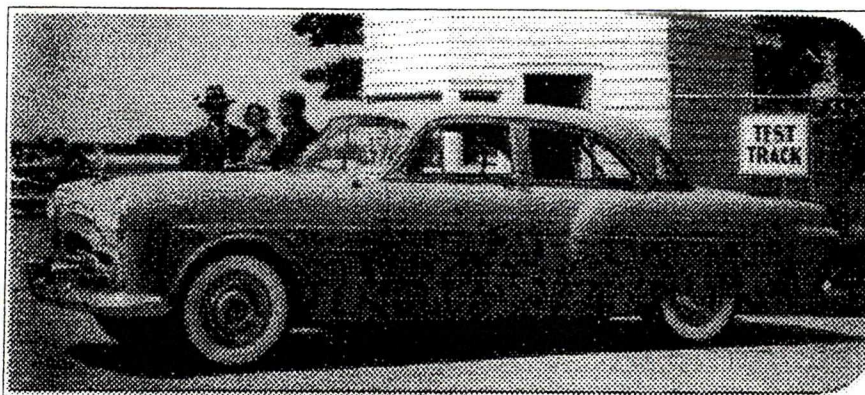
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Big Three Swap Meet At Qualcom

The Big Three Swap Meet at Qual Com parking lot was the Club Tour for the last weekend in February and was well attended by both club members and potential new members. Karl Ramsing, our Membership Chair, reports a strong interest in visitors to the booth and will have a report at the next business meeting.

The "Projects" part of the weekend did well in spite of some confusion, indicating the need for a new appointment to that position. Projects are one of the cornerstones of the club functions and is comprised of the important and hard to find miscellaneous Packard necessities that every Packard driver needs eventually. From no longer available wiper blades to rubber and metal parts made by Club members that make driving possible. An inventory list is currently available from B.J. and Tony at 858-530-1414 or you can fax your request to them at 858-530-2123.

Pictured below: 1951 Packard "300" at the Packard Proving Grounds near Detroit.



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